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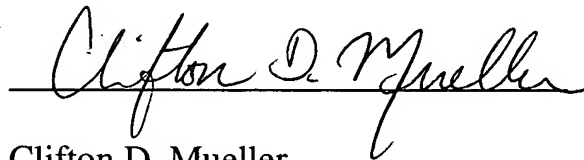
Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 21 and 22 are rejected. Claims 8-20 are objected to, and allowable if rewritten in independent form. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to correct informalities. The limitations of allowable claim 14 have been incorporated into claims 1 and 21.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,
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